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CHAP. XXVII.

An act to cede to the United States of America certain Lands upon the conditions therein contained.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the congress of the United States have passed an act to erect a Beacon on Federal Point near the New-Inlet on Cape Fear River, which Beacon is already erected: And whereas, it is expedient the United States should have the exclusive jurisdiction of the land on which said Beacon is erected.

Federal Point

BE it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the exclusive jurisdiction of one acre of land at Federal Point near the New-Inlet on Cape Fear River, on which a Beacon is already erected by the United States, shall be ceded, and is hereby vested in the United States, the said acre of land having been purchased by the United States heretofore said, upon condition that the Beacon or a Light-House be continued and kept up by the United States for the public use.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority of the same, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to debar or hinder any of the officers of this state from serving any process or levying executions within the limits ceded by this act to the United States, in the same manner and to the same effect as if this act had never been passed.

CHAP. XXVIII.

Preamble.

An act for the relief of sick and disabled American Seamen.

WHEREAS, the Hospital Money collected at the Port of Wilmington in this state, under the acts of Congress, is insufficient for the purposes designed.

List of Seamen to be furnished.

BE it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the master or owner of every ship or vessel of the United States, shall before such ship or vessel shall be admitted to enter from a foreign port, render to the Collector of the Customs for the port of Wilmington, a true account of the number of seamen that shall have been employed on board such vessel since she was last entered at any port of the United States, and shall pay to the said collector at the rate of thirty cents per month for each and every officer and seaman so employed, which sum he is authorised to retain out of the wages of such seamen.

II. Be it further enacted, That the collector of Wilmington shall not go out to any ship or vessel whose enrollment or licence for carrying on the coasting trade has expired, a new